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Officials to Host Public Meeting for Maxey Flats Disposal Site *State Moving Forward with Final Cap Plans*

HILLSBORO, Ky. – (Jan. 22, 2015) – The Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet is moving forward with plans for final capping of the Maxey Flats Disposal Site, which operated as a commercial disposal landfill for low-level radioactive waste from 1962 to 1977.

In an effort to give the public the opportunity to hear more information and have any questions answered about the final capping plans, the cabinet has scheduled a public meeting Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., at the Kentucky National Guard Armory Readiness Center, located at 4911 HWY 801 North, Morehead.

In the years since the Commonwealth purchased this site, state agencies have been working with the federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to ensure proper closure and long-term care of the site. Contractors have been hired to begin the final capping process. This will serve to significantly safeguard the Maxey Flats site for both workers and the public.

The final capping plan includes installation of a permanent vegetative cap, installation of permanent surface water control features, and installation of surface monuments to identify concerns and location of buried waste. Once the final closure period is completed, the cabinet and its agencies will enter into an Institutional Control Period of 100 years that will include continued monitoring, custodial upkeep and facility control.

The initial phases of the final capping plan have included the purchase of additional property surrounding Maxey Flats that will increase the distance between the restricted areas of the site and the public and will provide a nearby source for material to build the cap, the approval of the remedial design by EPA, the solicitation of bids and the awarding of contracts for construction. Cap construction is scheduled to begin this year, with cap placement complete in 2016.

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